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SUBJECT: SYRIAN LEADERSHIP AND MEDIA CONTINUE CRITICISM OF SADAT
AND GOE

1. PAST WEEK HAS SEEN NO DIMINUTION IN CRITICISM BY SYRIAN
LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT SADAT AND GOE. ON CONTRARY, SYRIANS ARE
CONTINUING TO DRAW SHARP DISTINCTION BETWEEN EGYPTIAN ARMY AND
POPULACE, THE TEMPORARILY DECEIVED, AND SADAT AND EGYPTIAN LEADER-
SHIP, THE DECEIVERS. SYRIAN POLITICIANS AND EDITORIALISTS ARE
CONTINUING TO ATTACK PRESIDENT SADAT PERSONALLY AND DIRECTLY AS
WELL AS BY IMPLICATION. IN PRES. ASAD'S OCT. 6 SPEECH, FOR EXAMPLE,
HE DID NOT CONCEAL HIS BITTERNESS AT SADAT FOR DIVERTING ARAB
ATTENTION FROM TERMS OF SINAI AGREEMENT AND FOR SULLYING SACREDNESS
OF OCTOBER WAR BY MISLEADING "REVELATIONS."

2. ON OCT. 7, MINDEF TLAS WAS EVEN MORE SPECIFIC, DEPLORING
"EGYPTIAN SURRENDER TO U.S." AND IDENTIFYING EGYPT OR SADAT (NOT
CLEAR WHICH) FOR "SELLING BLOOD OF THE OCTOBER MARTYRS AND PALESTINAI
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3. REVIEW OF OCT. 8 DAMASCUS PRESS FINDS ONE EDITORIALIST ACCUSING
"EGYPTIAN RULERS HEADED BY SADAT" OF ATTEMPTING TO "ASSASSINATE"
OCT. WAR ACHIEVEMENTS. OTHER COLUMNISTS DESCRIBED "SADAT LINE"
JUSTICE OF "COUNTER-REVOLUTION" AGAINST NASSERIST AIMS IN EGYPT
AND TERMED SADAT "ILLEGITIMATE HEIR OF PROGRESSIVE NASSERIST
SYSTEM."

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